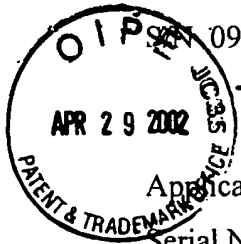


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 11, 2002, said period of response being extended from April 11, 2002 to May 11, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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